

Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 (currently amended): A separation finger for Electro photographic devices, being formed by compression-molding a blend of polyimide resin powder and polytetrafluoroethylene resin powder into the separation finger, followed by sintering the separation finger having its tip diameters being not greater than 30 μm , wherein the blend comprises a weight-based blending ratio of said polyimide resin powders and polytetrafluoroethylene resin powders being 70:30 to 95:5 and said polytetrafluoroethylene resin powder being 500,000 to 1,000,000 in weight-average molecular weight and 5 to 20 micro in average particle size and wherein ~~the separation fingers being formed by the blend improve wear resistance and non-adhesion of toner~~ said separation finger having no fluororesin coating.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The separation finger of Claim 1 having a surface wherein the water-repelling angles of the ~~surfaces~~ surface of the separation finger are at least 100 degrees.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The separation finger of claim 3, wherein said ~~surfaces~~ surface when worn to 50 μm ~~retain~~ retains the water-repelling angles of at least 90 degrees.